

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I move the clause be added to LB545.

SPEAKER: Is there a second to the motion? Is there any discussion? It takes 25 votes. All those in favor vote aye those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, and 0 nays on the motion to adopt.

SPEAKER: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. Now Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, I move LB545 as amended be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER: Is there a second? Any discussion? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Motion carried bill is advanced. Any other Select File business?

CLERK: None.

SPEAKER: OK, we go to General File then and I assume 472 is the first order of business.

CLERK: Read

SPEAKER: In the north balcony it is our pleasure to introduce 8 students and 3 adults together with their teacher Mr. Ralph Mickway from Osmond, Nebraska, Manuel Luthrean School, Senator Burbach's district. We are happy to have you here with us this afternoon. While we are waiting for Senator Whitney, Senator Whitney are your amendments to 472 a ready for consideration on General File. Are you ready to proceed? Do you wish to have the amendment proposed as an addition to 472? Is there a second to the motion? Ok the bill is before the Legislature. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature Senator Carpenter came to me and asked to to....me to prepare an amendment which I felt that I could approve and vote for this bill. I have thought up an amendment and even though I still feel that the people in my legislative district to be paying more taxes if we had this. I feel that my people would be willing to live with this kind of a bill, LB472 if this amendment were put on. Now I had our bill writer Mr. Emory Burnett write this for me and after discussing this with him here is the problem that a...a...there are several school districts after LB472 were put into effect and fully funded there are several of those schools districts that have a high mil levy. For some reason the formula simply can not handle every school district. So.....to give it a uniform mil levy bring it down to say a uniform basis, and this amendment is attempted to do that. For example we would set aside X number of dollars and then we would figure out what is expected in the way of a mil levy for the school districts in the state just as Senator Warner has already done. Then we would take the average mil levy in the 5 most populous counties on a weighted average basis. Taking the total property tax in dollars obligated in the 5 counties in relation to the value of all property in those counties work out a weighted average mil levy. Now this levy I am estimating would be around 20-21-24 mils. Now then we would take the X number of dollars and we will prorate that money to the school district that had the highest mil levy first and bring them all down to a uniform mil levy for those schools that have a higher mil levy than the average, weighted average mil levy in the 5 most populous counties. Now we might we can't guess exactly at the moment how many dollars would be